

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

TERRA LIBRE LAND TRUST, on
behalf of Keith Allan: Goulet,

Petitioner,

v.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., et al.,

Respondents.

CASE NO. C22-5277JLR

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On May 4, 2022, the court ordered Petitioner Terra Libre Land Trust (“TLLT”) to show cause why its petition for a writ of mandamus should not be dismissed without prejudice based on its apparent failure to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(a). (OSC (Dkt. # 4); Pet (Dkt. # 1).) Rule 11(a) requires “[e]very pleading” to be “signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s name—or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a). TLLT’s petition for a writ of mandamus, however, is signed only by Sterling Jay Shaw, who holds himself out

1 as the “Managing Trustee” of TLLT, but gives no indication that he is authorized to serve
2 as TLLT’s attorney of record in this matter and sign pleadings on TLLT’s behalf. (*See*
3 OSC at 2-3; *see also* Pet. at 1, 30.)

4 TLLT was obligated to provide a response to the court’s show cause order by May
5 18, 2022. (*See* OSC at 3.) That deadline has now passed and TLLT has neither
6 responded to the court’s show cause order nor cured the deficiencies identified therein.
7 (*See generally* Dkt.) Accordingly, the court DISMISSES this action WITHOUT
8 PREJUDICE. The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to TLLT.

9 Dated this 25th day of May, 2022.

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12 JAMES L. ROBART
13 United States District Judge
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